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In Re Application Of: Chun-Cheng Tsao and John Valliant

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/693,310	10/24/2003	Shantese McDonald		3723	1505

Title: Method and Apparatus for Global Die Thinning and Polishing of Flip-Chip Packaged Integrated Circuits

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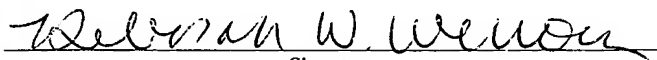
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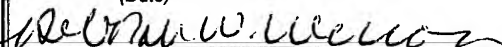
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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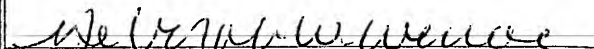
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Assignee: Credence Systems Corporation ) Ex: Shantese McDonald  
Serial Number: 10/693,310  
Filed: October 24, 2003  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
BACKSIDE DIE THINNING AND  
POLISHING OF PACKAGED  
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

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Dear Sir,

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004.

Please amend the instant application as follows: